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Idaho Peach and Cherry Production Up

Peaches grown in Idaho are expected to total 9,000 tons this year, up 1,000 tons from last year, and unchanged from 2004, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Sweet cherry production is expected to total 3,200 tons, up 88 percent from 2005 and 3 percent above 2004.

Nationally, the July 2006 forecast of peach production is 1.06 million tons, down 11 percent from 2005 and 19 percent below 2004. Half of the 28 Freestone peach estimating States expect increases in production from last year, while 12 States decreased their production from the previous season, and 2 States showed no change. Sweet cherry production is forecast at 268,400 tons, up 7 percent from last year's crop, but 5 percent below the 2004 crop.

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